

# 2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Department of Defense Military Family Readiness Council

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<b>1. Department or Agency</b>		<b>2. Fiscal Year</b>	
Department of Defense		2018	
<b>3. Committee or Subcommittee</b>		<b>3b. GSA Committee No.</b>	
Department of Defense Military Family Readiness Council		41850	
<b>4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>5. Current Charter</b>	<b>6. Expected Renewal Date</b>	<b>7. Expected Term Date</b>
No	12/13/2016	12/13/2018	
<b>8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>8b. Specific Termination Authority</b>	<b>8c. Actual Term Date</b>	
No			
<b>9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year</b>	<b>10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?</b>	<b>10b. Legislation Pending?</b>	
Continue	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	
<b>11. Establishment Authority</b> Statutory (Congress Created)			
<b>12. Specific Establishment Authority</b>	<b>13. Effective Date</b>	<b>14. Committee Type</b>	<b>14c. Presidential?</b>
Public Law 110-181 (10 U.S.C. § 1781a)	01/28/2008	Continuing	No
<b>15. Description of Committee</b> Other Committee			
<b>16a. Total Number of Reports</b>	No Reports for this Fiscal Year		

**17a. Open** 3 **17b. Closed** 0 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 3  
**Meetings and Dates**

Purpose	Start	End
This is the first meeting of the Council for Fiscal Year 2018 (FY2018). During this meeting, Council members will receive information about documented needs of military service and family members. They will also review and deliberate about two FY2018 focus areas: (1) Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) as Signature Injuries of Current War and how they impact military family readiness; and (2) Community Partnerships and Collaboratives which relate to disaster and emergency preparedness, plans, partnerships, training and support for military families.	12/04/2017	12/04/2017
This is the second meeting of the Council for Fiscal Year 2018 (FY2018). During this meeting, Council members will receive status updates on three FY2017 Recommendations for Immediate Action. They will also review and deliberate about two FY2018 focus areas: (1) Child and Youth Well-being; and (2) Spouse Licensure.	03/06/2018	03/06/2018
The Department of Defense (DoD) is publishing this notice to announce that the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the Department of Defense Military Family Readiness Council will take place. This meeting is not a Town Hall meeting. It is open to the public for the purpose of observing Council proceedings, deliberations and voting. The purpose of this meeting was to draft, discuss and vote on 2018 recommendations for the SECDEF and propose focus areas for Council review in FY2019.	06/06/2018	06/06/2018

**Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 3**

	<b>Current FY</b>	<b>Next FY</b>
<b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$17,877.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$291,555.00	\$320,000.00
<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$7,608.00	\$8,000.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$1,738.00	\$2,000.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$0.00	\$5,933.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$318,778.00	\$335,933.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	2.20	2.50

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

Federal statute directs the committee to submit, no later than July 1st of each year, to the Secretary of Defense and the congressional defense committees a report on military family readiness. Each report, at a minimum, includes the following: 1. An assessment of the adequacy and effectiveness of the military family readiness programs and activities of the Department of Defense during the preceding fiscal year in meeting the needs and requirements of military families. 2. Recommendations on actions to be taken to improve the capability of the military family readiness programs and activities of the Department of Defense to meet the needs and requirements of military families, including actions relating to the allocation of funding and other resources to and among such programs and activities.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The Council, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 1781a(b), shall be comprised of no more than 18 members appointed as follows: (1) the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, who shall serve as chair of the Council; (2) one representative of each of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force, who shall be appointed by the Secretary of Defense; (3) three individuals appointed by the Secretary of Defense from among representatives of military family organizations, including military family organizations of families of members of the Active duty components and of families of members of the Reserve components; (4) the senior enlisted advisors of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force [up to two of these members may be filled by the spouses of the Senior Enlisted Advisor]; (5) A member or civilian employee of the National Guard Bureau to represent both the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard; (6) A spouse or parent of a member of each service. Two are from active duty and two from Guard or Reserve; and (7) the Director of the Office of Community Support for Military Families with

Special Needs.

### **20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

The council meets no less than twice per fiscal year and continues to meet the Council mission and objectives. During FY18, the Council held three open meetings to which the public was invited.

### **20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

Federal statute (10 U.S.C. § 1781a) requires the Secretary of Defense to establish this committee.

### **20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

Meetings are not closed to the public unless the Department of Defense determines that items on the planned agenda meet the closed meeting provisions of 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c). Pursuant to DoD policy closed meetings can only be authorized by the DoD Sponsor (i.e., the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness), and only after consultation with the Office of the Department of Defense General Counsel.

## **21. Remarks**

The Military Family Readiness Council is composed of a diverse mix of uniformed and civilian DoD regular government employees, some of whom are ex-officio and some who were chosen individually by the agency head, as well as several special government employees chosen for their unique perspectives as military family members or members of military service organizations.

### **Designated Federal Officer**

William C. Story Designated Federal Officer

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Member Designation</b>
Balocki, Marie	04/20/2018	04/20/2020	Director, Marine and Family Programs Division, U.S. Marine Corps	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Barna, Stephanie	04/08/2016	04/07/2018	PTDO Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel & Readiness)	Ex Officio Member
Bingham, Gwendolyn	09/05/2016	09/05/2018	Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management (Army)	Ex Officio Member
Conley, Laura	06/16/2016	06/15/2018	Spouse of Reserve Component Member (Army National Guard)	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Cook, Kathleen	06/13/2016	04/27/2018	Director, Air Force Services	Ex Officio Member
Dailey, Daniel	04/08/2016	04/07/2018	Senior Enlisted Advisor for the Army	Ex Officio Member
Giordano, Elka	06/16/2016	06/15/2018	Spouse of MCPON	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Keller, Mary	06/16/2016	06/15/2019	President and CEO, Military Child Education Coalition	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Kurta, Anthony	04/09/2016	04/08/2018	Principal Director, Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel & Readiness)	Ex Officio Member
Luscher, Jennifer	06/16/2016	06/15/2018	Representative for Navy Reserve Spouses	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Margolis, Julie	06/16/2016	06/15/2018	Representative for Active Duty Marine Corps Spouses	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
McNeely, Kevin	04/27/2016	04/26/2018	Director, Manpower & Personnel, J1 National Guard Bureau	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Meyeraan, Jessica	05/30/2018	05/30/2020	National Guard Bureau	Ex Officio Member
Padgett, Michelle	04/08/2016	04/07/2018	Spouse of Active Component Member (Air Force)	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Rubin, David	06/16/2016	06/15/2019	Children's Hospital Association	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Ruedisueli, Karen	06/16/2016	06/15/2019	National Military Family Association	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Smith-Green, Andrea	06/16/2016	06/15/2018	Spouse of Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Sobeck, Philip	05/23/2018	05/23/2020	Director, 21st Century Sailor Office (N-17) (Navy)	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Stein, Kurt	04/28/2016	04/27/2018	Director, Marine and Family Programs	Ex Officio Member
Stevens, Carolyn	10/01/2014	09/30/2018	Director, DoD Office of Military Family Readiness Policy	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Thomas, Karl	08/29/2017	08/28/2018	Director, Twenty-First Century Sailor Office (N17) (Navy)	Ex Officio Member
Wilkie, Robert	12/01/2017	07/31/2018	Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness)	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Wright, Kaleth	04/27/2017	04/26/2019	Senior Enlisted Advisor for the Air Force	Ex Officio Member

### Number of Committee Members Listed: 23

### Narrative Description

In accordance with Section 1781a of Title 10, U. S. Code, the Military Family Readiness Council provides independent assessment of the adequacy and effectiveness of the military family readiness programs and activities of the Department of Defense. The Council provides recommendations on how to improve these programs and activities to the Secretary of Defense and Congress in an annual report no later than July 1 of each year.

### What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements



Other



### Outcome Comments

Other not selected.

### What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None



Unable to Determine



Under \$100,000



\$100,000 - \$500,000



\$500,001 - \$1,000,000



\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000



\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000



Over \$10,000,000



Cost Savings Other



### Cost Savings Comments

None

**What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?**

46

### Number of Recommendations Comments

The Council has made 46 total recommendations through FY2018.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

91%

### % of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

An review of all 46 recommendations since the beginning of the Council showed 43 of 46 recommendations have been implemented. Progress is ongoing on three recommendations.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

7%

### **% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

Three recommendations are moving forward, but are not complete. One recommendation is on hold.

### **Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

### **Agency Feedback Comments**

The Council provides status updates on MFRC Recommendations at follow-on open public meetings and provides information about implementation of recommendations through community outreach communications. It also works with sponsors of recommendations to develop and oversee implementation of all approved recommendations. Sponsors, DoD leaders and staff, and the public are invited to provide MFRC members with written submissions regarding the work of the Council, including recommendations and focus areas under review, throughout the year.

### **What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### **Action Comments**

A complete review of DoD and Military Services Military Family Readiness Issuances was conducted as part of the final FY18 meeting of the MFRC.

### **Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

### **Grant Review Comments**

None

**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

- |                           |                                     |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Contact DFO               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Agency Web Site    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Committee Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online GSA FACA Web Site  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Publications              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Other                     | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

**Access Comments**

None